

Please delete the paragraph commencing at page 9, line 22 and ending at page 10, line 4 and replace it with the following paragraph:

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Alternatively, armrest 260 may be provided with air jets 270 only, such that water jet 263 is omitted. Conversely, armrest 260 may be provided with a water jet 263 only, either in the side wall 262 or the armrest surface 264. Any combination of air and/or water jets at any positions on armrest 260 is contemplated to be within the scope of my invention, since it has not been heretofore proposed to provide armrests in tubs of this nature having water and/or air therapy features incorporated therein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amendments to the claims by replacing claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 with the respective identically numbered claims below. A marked-up version of the amended claims is appended hereto for the Examiner's reference and convenience.

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1. (Once Amended) A device for bathing comprising:

at least one armrest positioned at a height to support at least one arm of a bather; and
at least one orifice defined by said at least one armrest, the at least one orifice being sized and shaped to direct a flow of at least one of pressurized fluid and pressurized air onto at least one of a hand, a finger and a forearm of the bather.

2. (Once Amended) The device of claim 1, said device selected from the following:

a hot tub, a spa, a bath, a whirlpool bath, and a pool.

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4. (Once Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein said fluid is water.

Q6 5. (Once Amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising at least one water jet disposed in said at least one orifice.

Please add the following new claims 7-15:

Sub B27. A device for bathing comprising:
at least one armrest positioned at a height to support at least one arm of a bather, the at least one armrest defining at least one orifice; and
at least one jet positioned within the at least one orifice to direct a flow of water or air onto at least one of a hand, a finger and a forearm of the bather.

Q7 8. The device of claim 7, wherein the at least one jet comprises at least one water jet and at least one air jet.

9. The device of claim 7, further comprising:
a seat to enable the bather to sit within the device;
a wall connecting the seat to the at least one armrest and positioned to accommodate a back of the bather, the wall defining a plurality of orifices;
a plurality of water jets positioned within the plurality of orifices of the wall to direct a flow of water across the back of the bather; and
a headrest coupled to the wall to support a head of the bather.

10. The device of claim 9, wherein the seat defines a second plurality of orifices to permit air under pressure to be emitted at the bather.

11. The device of claim 9, further comprising at least a second seat to enable at least a second bather to sit within the device.

12. The device of claim 7, said device being selected from the following:

a hot tub, a spa, a bath, a whirlpool bath, and a pool.

13. The device of claim 7, wherein the at least one jet is positioned within the at least one orifice to direct a flow of water or air upward onto at least one of a forearm and a hand of the bather.

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14. The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one orifice is sized and shaped to direct a flow of at least one of pressurized fluid and pressurized air upward onto at least one of a forearm and a hand of the bather.

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15. A device for bathing comprising:

at least one armrest positioned at a height to support at least one arm of a bather, the at least one armrest defining a plurality of orifices;

at least one air jet positioned within at least one of the plurality of orifices to direct a flow of air onto at least one of a hand, a finger and a forearm of the bather; and

at least one fluid jet positioned within at least one of the plurality of orifices to direct a flow of fluid within the device.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacuzzi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,736,924). Claims 1-3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Savage (U.S. Patent No. 4,672,692) and Jacuzzi et al. The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The disclosure was objected to because of an informality on page 8, line 4. Finally, the